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1. "The following prices for agricultural implements were in force in Czechoslovakia in November 1952. They were the prices for the Olomouc area. Note that the prices charged cooperatives and State farms were considerably lower than those charged private farmers.

Article:	Price for Cooperatives & State farms:	Price for Private Farmers:
Grub hoe	16.- Kc	20.- Kc
Handle	4.-	10.-
Shovel	18.-	23.-
Handle	20.-	25.-
Fork	25.-	30.-
Rake (small)	22.-	25-32.-
Triangle File for Sharpening Saws	18-22.-	40-80.-
Horseshoe, up to #5. per pair	12.50	18.90
Whetstone	5.-	9.-
Scythe	165.-	250.-
Handle	40.-	60.-
Tin Scabbard (not galvanized)	10.-	25.-
Plough Share (zelisko)	35.-	80.-
Plough (type Sakovak)	1,850.-	2,400.-
Special plough (na obraceni)	2,400.-	3,200.-

2. "Hammers were not available, at all, neither for State farms nor for private customers.
3. "The following implements were available for State farms and farming cooperatives, but not for private farmers:

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Special rakes (pohrabovacka)	4,200.- Kc
Bucket	50.-
Cart (horse-drawn) with rubber tires	56,000.-
Cart (pulled by tractor) " "	150,000.-
Wheelbarrow (made of tin)	300.-
1 m. of Steel Pipes, 30 mm diameter	36.-

4. "The following changes were in effect during November 1952 for various agricultural jobs:

<u>Type of work: (per hectare)</u>	<u>State Farms & Coops:</u>	<u>Private Farmers</u>
	/ no time factor indicated/	
spreading of fertilizers	60.-Kc.	90.-Kc.
Harrowing	56.-	50.-
Rolling	50.-	80.-
Mowing	260.-	390.-
Threshing	760.-	1,450.-
Sowing, or picking of potatoes	550.-	1,125.-
Harvesting of sugar beet root	700.-	1,050.-

5. "In spite of the higher prices private farmers must pay for the services of State Machinery Stations, priority of work is always given to State Farms and cooperatives. Only when their work is finished are the stations allowed to work for private farmers."

4 Note: It is not clear whether the charges listed in paragraph 4 are those set by the State Machinery Stations for rent of agricultural machinery/

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